

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Total Maximum Daily Load Information Sheet

Wildhorse Creek

Water Body Segment at a Glance:

County: St. Louis
Nearby City: Wildwood
Water Body ID: 1700
Segment Length: 3.9 miles
Watershed Size: 13.4 square miles
Pollutant: Bacteria
Source: Runoff (various)¹



Statewide Map Showing Location of Watershed

Scheduled for TMDL development: 2014

Description of the Problem

Designated beneficial uses of Wildhorse Creek

- Livestock and Wildlife Watering
- Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life
- Protection of Human Health (Fish Consumption)
- Whole Body Contact Recreation – Category B

Uses that are impaired

- Whole Body Contact Recreation – Category B

Standards that apply

- Missouri's Water Quality Standards at 10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(C) states that for waters designated for whole body contact recreation category B, the *E. coli* bacteria count, measured as a geometric mean, shall not exceed 206 colonies per 100 milliliters of water during the recreational season. The recreational season is defined as being from April 1 to October 31.

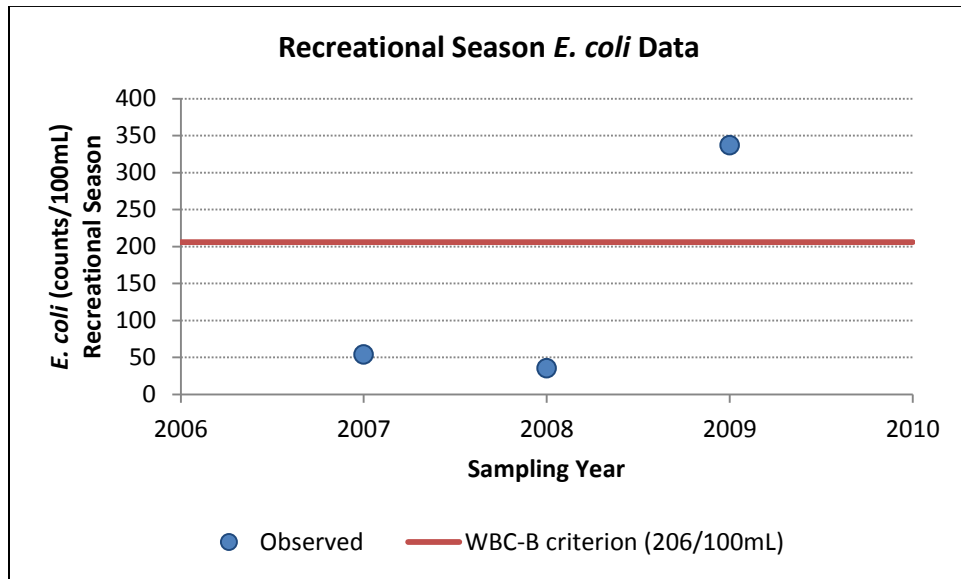
Background information and water quality data

Wildhorse Creek is a tributary to an unnamed tributary of the Missouri River. Wildhorse Creek is designated for category B whole body contact recreation use and was first listed as impaired by bacteria on the state's 2012 303(d) List of impaired waters, which was approved in whole by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Nov. 13, 2012.

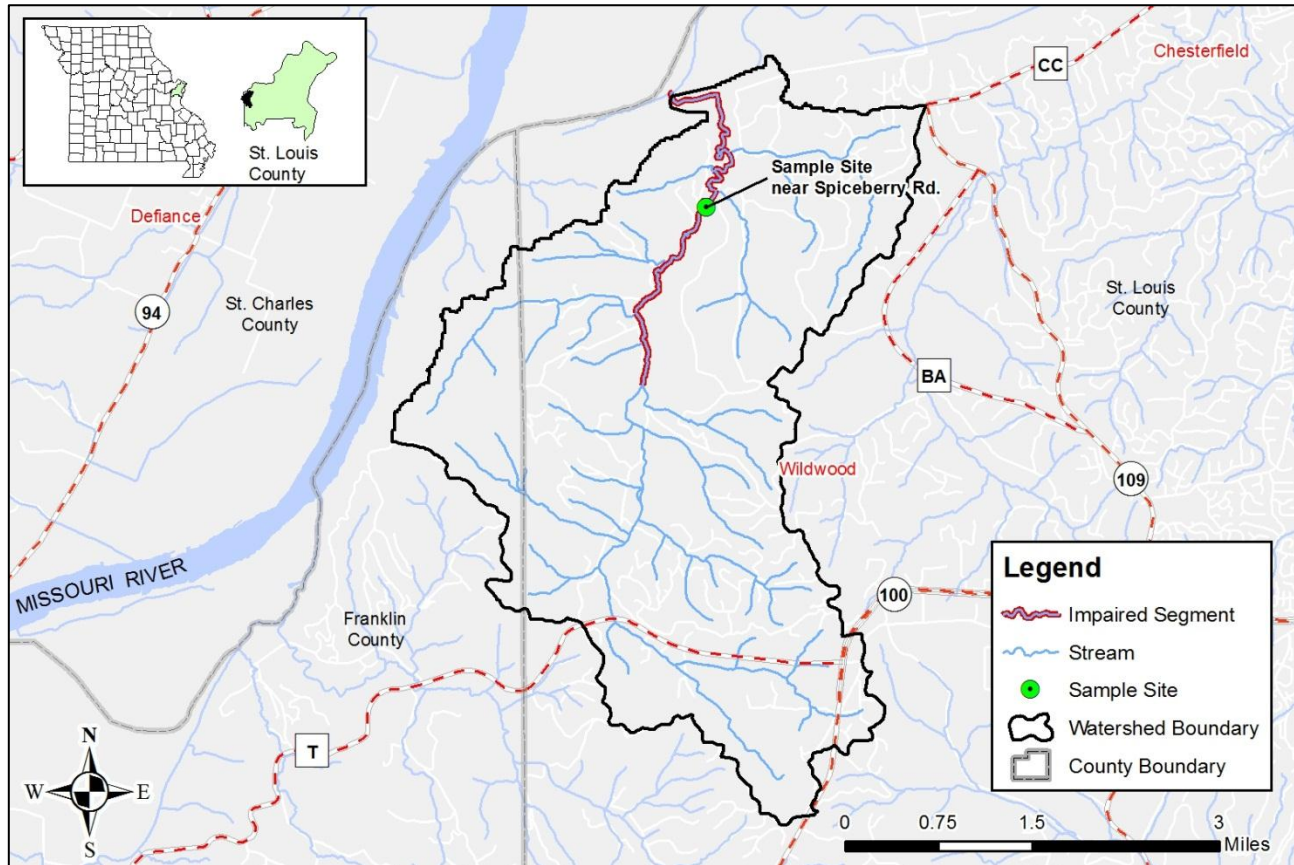
¹ Source cited as runoff from forest, grassland, parkland, rural, and residential areas.

The department judges a stream to be impaired by bacteria if the water quality criterion for *E. coli* is exceeded in any of the last three years for which there is adequate data (minimum of five samples taken during the recreational season). High counts of *E. coli* are an indication of fecal contamination and an increased risk of pathogen-induced illness to humans. *E. coli* are bacteria found in the intestines of warm-blooded animals and are used as indicators of the risk of waterborne disease from pathogenic (disease causing) bacteria or viruses. Missouri's whole body contact bacteria criteria are based on specific levels of risk of acute gastrointestinal illness. The level of risk correlating to the category B criterion is no more than 10 illnesses per 1,000 swimmers in fresh water (1 percent).

Sufficient recreational season *E. coli* data to assess Wildhorse Creek was collected in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The recreational season geometric mean exceeded the whole body contact category B criterion in 2009. For this reason, Wildhorse Creek has been assessed as impaired by *E. coli*.



Map Showing the Wildhorse Creek Watershed



NOTE:

The final Wildhorse Creek TMDL will use the most recent and available data and information.

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